



Welcome to Dane Royd Junior & Infant School

Nursery
Transition Event 2025/26

Headteacher: Miss Kelly

Meet the Nursery team:



Miss Mortimer
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Batley
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Bond
Teaching Assistant



Miss Lodge
Teaching Assistant

Indoor provision:



Investigative play – playdough / fine-motor challenges / water & sand

Creative opportunities – paint easel / junk-modelling area / mark-making table

Indoor provision:



Imaginative play – small-world set-ups / enhanced home-corner / loose-parts area

Book corner – well-stocked reading area with favourites and new releases

Outdoor provision



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Gross motor opportunities – large loose-parts / climbing structures / den-building / bikes

Expressive arts – mark-making shed / music wall / small world / dressing-up

Sensory play – mud-kitchen / large sandpit / water tables / flower & herb garden

Timetable & routines:



Session Times:

Morning (15hrs) 8.45am - 11.45am

Afternoon (15hrs) 12.15pm - 3.15pm

Full day provision (30hrs) 8:45am – 2:45pm*

*(*a small charge is payable to extend this session to 3:15pm)*

We offer 15 and 30 hour provision. Forms have already been sent out to parents with requests confirmed.

What does a typical session look like?



Complete entry routine:

- Hang coat & bag on peg
- Place lunchbox on side
- Find & attach water bottle name label



Small group
teaching input
Maths / topic



Repeated Read
Storytime



Free-flow play in provision

- choose own learning
- complete adult-led tasks



RWI phonics input
Small group teaching
input (5 mins)









Snack-time
Milk/water
& a piece of fruit
*school provide

Curriculum:



- Broad & balanced curriculum; topic-centred and driven by the children's interests
- High value on books & songs to support learning
- Carefully planned to build on their knowledge & understanding of the world, people & communities
- Formal maths & phonics teaching following whole-school schemes

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
8 weeks Tue 2 nd Sep – Fri 24 th Oct	7 weeks Mon 3 rd Nov – Fri 19 th Dec	6 weeks Mon 5 th Jan – Fri 13 th Feb	5 weeks Mon 23 rd Feb – Fri 27 th Mar	6 weeks Mon 13 th Apr – Thu 21 st May	7 weeks Mon 1 st Jun – Fri 17 th July
Magical Me	Light & Colour	"I Can Help!"	Down on the Farm	We are Explorers	Pirates & Princesses
					

Key Information:

Safeguarding

- Please let us know if someone other than yourself will be collecting your child from Nursery. We will not allow anyone other than the parents to take your child unless previously agreed. Please inform the school of any legal access arrangements.
- Please ring the school office as soon as possible if you are unable to pick up your child at the allotted time due to an unforeseen circumstance and we will ensure that they are kept safe until your arrival.
- **For the safety of all children at Dane Royd we ask parents to shut the green school gate after entering the premises out of the usual drop-off/collection times.**
- To gain access to Nursery please press the appropriate button on the telecom. At drop-off & collection please wait for the gate to be buzzed open by the Nursery team, this will happen at an appropriate time regulated by staff.
- Please inform the school office when your child is going to be absent for an appointment or if you have organised a holiday during term-time.
- All policies are available for you to view on the school website. Paper copies can be made upon request at the office.

Safety & welfare: (...continued)



- Parents/carers must **NOT** use cameras and mobile telephones in the nursery classroom.



- **NO** dogs are allowed on the school site.



- We are a '**no-smoking**' school and ask that cigarettes/vapes are not used on the school premises.

Useful Information

Absence & Illness



- Please make sure you **keep us informed of any medical conditions/allergies** your child may have.
- If your child requires prescribed medication during the Nursery session, you must complete a form in the school office and drop the medication off there.

Please do not bring your child to Nursery if they are very unwell.

- Exclusion times for common illness are included at the back of the prospectus.
- Coughs and colds can be managed in school.
- Please ring school before 9.30am to inform us of sickness absence and expected date of return.

 **Lo's Pharmacy** 



Did you know that pharmacies can now offer **clinical appointments** with medication available if required for four **clinical conditions** particularly relevant to **school age children**?



- ✓ Earache (Children aged 1-17)
- ✓ Sore throat (Over 5 years)
- ✓ Infected insect bites (Over 1 years)
- ✓ Impetigo (Over 1 years)

 **THINK 'Pharmacy First'** 

GP practices are busy, and it can be difficult to get a same day GP appointment. When your child is off sick from school with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local Lo's Pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained pharmacist, receive advice and even medication if needed. Meaning children could be on the road to recovery and back to school as soon as possible.

Walk in's welcome and appointments also available.

Please visit our website or scan the QR code to find your local Lo's Pharmacy.

<https://app.lospharmacy.co.uk/pharmacies>



Useful Information:



Uniform

All children in Nursery are required to wear school uniform.

- **grey trousers, shorts, culottes, pinafore or skirt**
- **white polo-shirt**
- **bottle green jumper or cardigan.**
- **green and white checked summer dress can also be worn in warmer months.**

Children should wear **black school shoes** and velcro fastenings are advised. Girls should not wear dainty slip-on footwear, shoes must have ankle straps for safety purposes. No jewellery is to be worn in Nursery and oversized hair accessories are not permitted.

Please label all uniform, bags and shoes clearly.



Useful Information:



Appropriate outdoor wear



- Since we utilise our outdoor area all year round, we ask that warm coats are provided in cold weather along with hats, scarfs and gloves.
- Please provide wellies so that children can access the outdoor weather
- During summer months, please apply sun-cream to your child in the morning/afternoon before they arrive at school.
- This can be topped up during the day if the child can apply it themselves, and only from a named bottle of sun-cream that you supply.
- Please also send your child with a sun hat if the sun is shining.

Please clearly label all items of clothing!



Self-help skills:

Dressing



In Nursery we strive to build independence and encourage the children to **put on and take off their own coat & shoes** where possible. We find that children cope better with Velcro fastenings as opposed to shoelaces/buckles.

Staff will be on hand to assist but we will always encourage children to independently **fasten/unfasten buttons and zips** where possible. Practicing these skills at home can help support your child with independence.



Toileting

Your child should be clean & dry when they attend their session. It is preferable in nursery that children are able to **go to the toilet independently** and in doing so; able to deal with their own clothes (elasticated waistbands are recommended), wipe themselves, flush the toilet and wash their hands with minimal assistance.



Occasionally accidents do happen, for this reason it is wise for children to **bring a spare set of pants, socks/tights and school trousers or skirt in their school bag**.

Intimate care plans will be put in place for children who need more support with toileting or are in pull-ups, please speak to a member of staff if you feel this is necessary.

Milk & Snack:

As part of the National School Fruit & Vegetable scheme, all children in Nursery are entitled to receive one free piece of fruit/vegetable each day. Please note, we are provided with seasonal produce and at least 2 options for the children to select from. We respectfully ask that you do not send your own snacks into school for your child. It is important that you make the school team aware of any food allergies so that we can ensure the safety of all children.



We will provide a drinking bottle in school for each child filled with fresh **plain water**. This will be sent home daily for you to wash & replenish.



Lunchtime: (only 30 hour children)

For those who are using our Wraparound facility, lunchtime runs from 11.45am-12.15pm.

These children are taken to and from the hall by their dinner supervisor and are seated amongst their peers at the table. Our kitchen provides a range of nutritious hot meals and sandwiches at a cost; alternatively children may bring a packed lunch that meets the healthy eating requirements specified in our policy.

Our meal provider is **Caterlink** and parents are able to view the menus online and pre-select your child's meal option in advance from the comfort of your own home using the ParentPay website.

Children requiring a medical special diet are individually catered for. Please request a dietary form from the office if your child needs a special diet.



Useful Information:

Library

Every Friday in Nursery, children have the opportunity to choose a book to lend from our library selection to take home to share with their adults. This will be organized with staff in setting.

Each child will be given a library tote bag to keep their book in. Please return this book the following week so it can be put back into the collection.

In addition, the Book Swap Shed is open everyday before and after school for you to access as you wish. Please take home anything of interest to read. Please bear us in mind when getting rid of your own books – we welcome donations to keep this shed stocked 😊



Useful Information:

Before & After-school provision



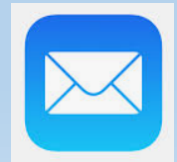
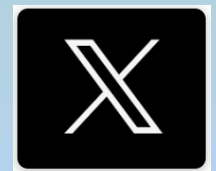
- We have provision on site for before and after school care for children of working parents.
- Open from 7:30am – 6:00pm
- Hot breakfast is provided in the morning and children staying until later in the day may bring a pack-up to eat in the afternoon session.
- Run by trained school staff and provides a wealth of activities to keep the children entertained.
- Please speak to school office to discuss your requirements or visit the website : <https://daneroyd.magicbooking.co.uk> for further details

Communication:

We encourage parents to share information with teaching staff regarding your child's learning and change in routines or home circumstances. We have an 'open-door' approach. Feel free to ask questions and discuss your child at the start/end of the day should a member of staff be available, alternatively you may request a telephone or face-to-face meeting to be arranged with the teacher at a mutually convenient time.

We believe regular communication is essential in reporting the progress and achievements of children as well as sharing news and important events. For this reason, we have many channels of communication, these include:

- **Email** - EYFSLead@Daneroyd.com
- **Twitter/X** - @DaneRoydNursery and @DaneRoydSchool
- **Website** - <https://www.daneroyd.com/nursery> / <https://www.daneroyd.com/eyfs>
- **ParentPay** – Nursery Curriculum documents, book meals, newsletters and PTFA events
- **Evidence Me** - observation-sharing from home to school



EvidenceMe:



Throughout their EYFS journey at Dane Royd, we encourage the use of the online platform 'Evidence me' as a means for you at home to share with Nursery any WOW activities & learning that your child has completed at home. This is a really useful way to provide insight into their interests outside of school and facilitates meaningful discussions between our staff and your children about these activities, further building upon those important relationships. It also demonstrates how your child can transfer their learning from school and apply it in challenges at home as consolidation.

1. Miss Mortimer to create users for new children and send invitation links to associated parent email on record
2. Parent to accept invitation that arrives in your inbox
3. Download the Evidence me app.
4. Open the app. You can upload photos or short videos as an attachment to an observation. For safeguarding reasons, please ensure that the child is dressed appropriately and seek permission of others if they feature in any pictures. In the comments box please add a short narrative explaining what it is the child is doing.
5. The observation is sent directly to the Miss Mortimer to an inbox monitored by the Early Years Lead on the Evidence Me platform.
6. Miss Mortimer will check parent submissions regularly and respond with a comment/question in acknowledgement.

Celebrating achievements:



In the cloakroom we have a **Home-School Link Board**, parents are encouraged to share a 'WOW moment' for their child each half-term written upon a leaf template provided by us. With each leaf, as the year progresses your child's plant grows taller & eventually flowers as they finish their nursery journey!

Alternatively you may simply bring photos, work or certificates for us to share with the class; examples could include swimming certificates, football medals, and pictures of special events or achievements/skills.

Useful Information

- Curriculum booklets are sent out electronically every half-term. This outlines what particular skills we are focussing on in each of the respective 7 areas of learning. It also includes reminders and important upcoming dates.
- A knowledge organiser also accompanies the above document each half-term to inform parents of the topic theme we are covering and the associated facts we intend to share with the children. This gives parents an idea of the key vocabulary, people and places we will be discussing in class and informs you of planned shared texts and focus nursery rhymes which you may choose to practise/talk about at home.
- Homework Suggestions linked to the topic are sent out each half-term. These are optional to complete and can be submitted via photos on EvidenceMe or brought directly into school to share.
- Please follow our feed on Twitter/X @DaneRoydNursery to stay up to date with news and learning experiences.

